

Lecture 12 - Fundamental theorem of line integrals, Green's theorem - 7/30/2014 — Interphase 2014 Calc 3

32. Fundamental theorem of line integrals

a. The fundamental theorem of line integrals:

$$\text{If } C \text{ is any curve connecting } \mathbf{x} \text{ to } \mathbf{y}, \text{ then } \int_C \nabla \phi \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \phi(\mathbf{y}) - \phi(\mathbf{x}).$$

b. Line integrals of conservative vector fields are independent of path. Only the endpoints affect the value of the line integral.

c. The line integral of a conservative vector field over a closed curve is 0.

d. If \mathbf{F} is conservative, then $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$ can be evaluated by

- Finding the potential function ϕ such that $\mathbf{F} = \nabla \phi$.
- Using the fundamental theorem of line integrals

33. Green's theorem

a. A curve $\mathbf{r}(t)$ for $a \leq t \leq b$ is *closed* if $\mathbf{r}(b) = \mathbf{r}(a)$.

b. A curve is *simple* if it has no self-intersections.

c. A curve is *positively-oriented* if its interior is always on the left of the path relative to the direction traversed.

d. The line integral over a closed curve C with positive orientation is written $\oint_C \nabla \phi \cdot d\mathbf{r}$.

e. If $\mathbf{F} = \langle P, Q \rangle$ and $d\mathbf{r} = \langle dx, dy \rangle$, then $\int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_C Pdx + Qdy$.

f. Green's Theorem:

Let C be a positively-oriented, piecewise smooth, simple, and closed curve that bounds the region R . Then

$$\oint_C Pdx + Qdy = \iint_R (\partial_x Q - \partial_y P) dA.$$

34. Evaluating line integrals

a. Three ways to integrate line integrals are

- Directly
- By the fundamental theorem of line integrals
- By Green's theorem